

A copy of the newly added paragraph is attached unmarked on a separate sheet as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.72.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Copies of the currently amended claims 1, 2 and 3 are attached on separate sheets with the changes shown by underlining (for added matter) or strikethrough (for deleted matter) as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A demountable and reusable wall
2 assembly for partitioning a room space between an overhead and a floor
3 comprising:
4 (a) a plurality of panels having edges at the extremities,
5 (b) a plurality of studs for supporting the panels,
6 (c) a plurality of long-term removeable fasteners,
7 (d) a tape, and
8 (e) a tab associated with the tape,
9 the panels are affixed to the studs at the panel edges to
10 form a seam, the long-term, removable fasteners secure
11 the adjacent panels to the studs,
12 the seam and long-term removable fasteners are covered
13 with the tape and covered with a mud compound, the
14 tape is sufficiently strong to be removed, when the wall
15 assembly is demounted as a single piece, in unison, and
16 ~~the tape may be removed as a single piece by pulling the~~
17 ~~tab, as the tab is pulled, the tape and the mud compound~~

18 is disengaged ~~disengage~~ from the panels thereby
19 exposing the long-term removable fasteners such that the
20 long-term removable fasteners are ~~can be~~ easily removed
21 and the panels and studs disassembled, the heads of the
22 long-term removable fasteners are kept clean for easy
23 engagement and removal and the tape is sufficiently
24 unporous to prevent the mud compound from
25 penetrating through the tape to fill the heads of the
26 long-term fasteners.

1 Claim 2 (currently amended): A demountable and reusable wall
2 assembly for partitioning a room space between an overhead and a floor
3 comprising:

- 4 (a) a plurality of panels having edges at the extremities,
5 (b) a plurality of studs for supporting the panels,
6 (c) a plurality of long-term removeable fasteners,
7 (d) a tape,
8 (e) a tab associated with the tape, and
9 (f) a releasable adhesive,
10 the panels are affixed to the studs at the panel edges to
11 form a seam, the long-term, removable fasteners secure
12 the adjacent panels to the studs,
13 the seam and long-term removable fasteners are covered
14 with the tape and covered with a mud compound, the
15 tape is sufficiently strong to be removed, when the wall

16 assembly is demounted, ~~as a single piece, in unison, and~~
17 ~~the tape may be removed as a single piece by pulling the~~
18 ~~tab, as the tab is pulled~~, the tape and the mud compound
19 is disengaged ~~disengage~~ from the panels thereby
20 exposing the long-term removable fasteners such that the
21 long-term removable fasteners are ~~can be~~ easily removed
22 and the panels and studs disassembled, the heads of the
23 long-term removable fasteners are kept clean for easy
24 engagement and removal and the tape is sufficiently
25 unporous to prevent the mud compound from
26 penetrating through the tape to fill the heads of the
27 long-term fasteners, the panels are also affixed to the
28 studs not at the panel edges using the releasable adhesive.

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): A demountable and reusable wall
2 assembly for partitioning a room space between an overhead and a floor
3 comprising:

- 4 (a) a plurality of panels having edges at the extremities,
5 (b) a plurality of studs for supporting the panels,
6 (c) a plurality of long-term removeable fasteners,
7 (d) a tape,
8 (e) a tab associated with the tape, and
9 (f) a releasable adhesive,

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10 the panels are affixed to the studs at the panel edges to
11 form a seam, the long-term, removable fasteners secure
12 the adjacent panels to the studs,
13 the seam and the long-term removable fasteners are
14 covered with the tape and covered with a mud
15 compound, the tape is sufficiently strong to be removed,
16 when the wall assembly is demounted as a single piece,
17 ~~in unison, and the tape may be removed as a single piece~~
18 ~~by pulling the tab, as the tab is pulled,~~ the tape and the
19 mud compound is disengaged ~~disengage~~ from the panels
20 thereby exposing the long-term removable fasteners such
21 that the long-term removable fasteners are ~~can be~~ easily
22 removed and the panels and studs disassembled, the
23 heads of the long-term removable fasteners are kept
24 clean for easy engagement and removal and the tape is
25 sufficiently unporous to prevent the mud compound
26 from penetrating through the tape to fill the heads of the
27 long-term fasteners, further,
28 the panels are also affixed to the studs not at the panel
29 edges using the long-term, removable fasteners to secure
30 the middle portion of the panels to the studs intermediate
31 of the extremities of the panel, and the long-term
32 removable fasteners are covered with the tape and
33 covered with a mud compound, the tape is sufficiently